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1. IN CONVERSTATIONS WITH MISSION OFFICER, EC DIRECTOR FOR

TRADE RELATIONS WITH PLANNED ECONOMY COUNTRIES FRIEDRICH KLEIN INDICATED AWARENESS THAT HUNGARY HAS BEEN SEEKING TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH SEVERAL WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING AUSTRIA. HUNGARY REPORTEDLY HAS COUCHED ITS APPROACHES IN TERMS OF A FOLLOW-UP TO THE CSCE. KLEIN STATED THAT, UPON LEARNING OF APPROACH TO AUSTRIANS, EC HAD APPROACHED THEM EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT AUSTRIA NOT BE DRAWN IN TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WITH HUNGARY OR OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. KLEIN STATED THAT EC HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM AUSTRIANS THAT THEY HAD NO INTENTIONS OF DOING SO (THUS JIBING WITH REPORT IN REF B).

2. KLEIN SUGGESTED THAT US AND EC CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM CLOSELY. SPECIFICALLY, HE THOUGHT THAT CONTACTS IN GENEVA BETWEEN HIS DEPUTY, KAWAN, AND USG OFFICIALS SHOULD CONTINUE. IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT AUSTRIANS ARE SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR ON THE ISSUE SO THAT A FURTHER APPROACH IS NOT NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.HINTON

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